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1. On 5 May 1953, the Czechoslovak Government ordered all services and authorities everywhere in the country to take the necessary steps to implement the national emergency plan - known as Plan S - as of 15 July 1953. The order was issued by Deputy Premier Jaromir Dolansky, but the order originated in the Kremlin.

25X12. [REDACTED] the purpose of this move is believed to be political. The end of the so-called peace offensive is expected, owing to the consolidation of the new regime, but it is not believed that real danger of a general war will come. Therefore, this order is explained as being designed to convince the West that the population of the Soviet Bloc is prepared to defend itself.

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3. Similar measures in Poland and Hungary are known to have been ordered by the Kremlin.
4. Plan S includes the following measures:
 - a. The Interior Guard and the militia shall be alerted.
 - b. The formation of an auxiliary corps composed of StB and SNB shall be prepared throughout Czechoslovakia.
 - c. In the larger towns and the industrial centers gas masks shall be distributed to the population.
 - d. Air raid defense exercises shall be held throughout the country.

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- e. Persons between 15 and 60 years old shall be ordered to do compulsory harvest duties.
5. Preparations are also being made for large scale deportation of persons considered unreliable. This measure will apply to the district of Kosice and to the portion of Slovakia bordering on the USSR. Preparations are also being made for the mass evacuation of the population of Vah and the Vah River Valley.
6. The emergency measures of Plan S were drawn up in 1948 by Rudolf Slansky, but there have been recent changes in detail, particularly since the outbreak of the Korean War in 1950, when regulations were introduced strengthening the power of the party and of civilian state executives. In the fall of 1952, new emergency measures were introduced into Plan S by Soviet experts, giving some executive power to military authorities in case of war or national calamity and reducing the power of the party and civilian administration.
7. Plan S and its emergency measures have never been tested because of the opposition of Minister of the Interior Vaclav Nosek and former Minister of Information Vaclav Kopecky², who objected on the grounds that the plan might have a bad psychological effect on the Czechoslovakian people.
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Washington Comments:

1. Possibly Cierny Vah (Q50/D38).
2. Now Deputy Premier.

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